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In re application of :
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VERIFICATION OF SMALL ENTITY STATUS

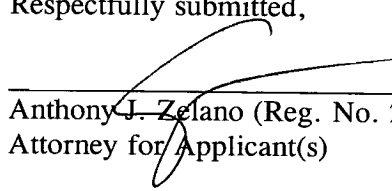
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SIR:

The small entity status which has been granted for this application is indeed correctly granted. For purposes of clarification, however, prior statements to the contrary, if any, notwithstanding, this application was owned by NeoGen LLC when it was filed, by virtue of an unrecorded contractual agreement between the inventors and NeoGen LLC. A confirmatory assignment to this effect has now been recorded.

Licenses to this application had been granted by NeoGen to SIDDCO and/or High Throughput Genomics both of Arizona. This application has now recently been assigned to High Throughput Genomics. The current assignee, all licensees (prior and current, if any) and others, if any, possessing any rights to this application and the disclosed invention are and have always been themselves small entities.

Respectfully submitted,



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